

NAME: MT- 2 [2023-2024] Max Marks - 20

GRADE - XII ENGLISH TIME - 50 minutes

SECTION: (Language and Literature)
DATE:02 Aug 2023

• All questions are compulsory.

Q No.	Questions	Marks
	SECTION A	
	1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.	
	During our growing up years we as children were taught - both at home and school - to worship the photos and idols of the Gods of our respective religions. When we grew a little older, we were to read holy books like the Bhagwad Gita, Bible, and Quran; we were told that there are a lot of life lessons to be learned from these holy books. We were then introduced to stories from our mythologies which taught us about ethics and morality- what is good and what is bad. I also learned to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their hard work and love and care, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and a responsible citizen. Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective holy books, there is a lot to learn from our surroundings. This realization dawned upon me when I learned to enquire and	

explore. Everything around us- the sun, the moon, the stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants, and animals - teach us many valuable life lessons.

No wonder that besides the scriptures, in many cultures nature is also worshipped. The message that we get is to save our environment and maintain ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and recognize that there is God in all aspects of nature.

Nature is a great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstacle in its way in the form of heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. This teaches us to be progressive in life and keep the fighting spirit alive.

Snakes are worshipped as they eat insects in the field that can hurt our crops, thus protecting the grains for us. In fact, whatever we worship is our helper and makes our lives easy for us. There are many such examples in nature, but we are not ready to learn a lesson. Overcome with greed, we are destroying nature. As a result, we face natural disasters like droughts, floods, and landslides. We don't know that nature is angry with us.

However, it is never too late to learn. If we learn to respect nature, the quality of our life will improve.

On the basis of reading the passage, answer the following questions.

SECTION B 1. We are told to worship photos and idols of Gods during our ______. a. Childhood b. adulthood c. growing up years d. none of these 2. Parents should be worshiped because ______. a. they gave us Holy books to read 1 mark

7.	Answer the following questions. You are Praveen Kumar/Parwathi Kumar, you recently visited a significant historical site. You were astounded to discover it in such a condition of disrepair. With your understanding and thoughts, compose a letter to the editor of a major newspaper noting the terrible condition of significant archaeological and historical sites. Highlight the lack of vital services, the poor condition of upkeep, and people's abuse of it. Make suggestions about how to solve the issue(150 words).			
	SECTION B			
6.	Snakes are worshipped because they protect a. Crops from animals b. Crops from insects c. Us from rodents d. Us from insects	1 mark		
5.	A river teaches us to be, a. Stubborn	1 mark		
4.	The natural disaster that has not been talked about in the passage is a. Drought b. Earthquake c. Flood d. Landslide	1 mark		
3.	d. they have read many mythical stories We are told that one can learn life lessons from 1. Mythology	1 mark		
	b. they taught us what is good and what is bad c. they work hard to make our lives easier			

8.	You are Rajani Arora, the Secretary of the English Literary Association of Tagore Memorial School, Patna. Write out a notice for the noticeboard, inviting names of those who would like to participate in the proposed inter-house debate, oratorial and elocution contest(50 words).	3 marks
	SECTION C	
	Answer the following questions in not less than 30-40 words.	
9.	"I want to be a motor mechanic" (Lost Spring). Who said these words and why do you think that it made the narrator happy?	1 mark
10.	In the poem 'Keeping quiet', do you think that the poet advocates for total inactivity and death?	
	Answer the following questions in not less than 120-150 words.	
11.	Why should child labour be eliminated? Explain in reference to the lesson 'Lost Spring'. Use instances from the lesson to justify your answer.	3 marks
12.	Do you think that the Third Level really exists or is it just a figment of Charlie's imagination? Explain with your understanding of the lesson 'Third Level'.	3 marks



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А.	1) a) childhood 2) c) they work hard to make our lives easier 3) (c) 1,2,3 4) (b) Earthquake 5) (c)Progressive 6) (b)Crops from insects 7)Format: 1 / Organisation of Ideas/Content & Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar: 2. 8)Format,box:1 / Content, Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar: 2	1 1 1 1 1 1 3
C.	9) Mukesh-daring to dream-breaking the stigma 10.No-life sprouting-like a seed. 11.Answer against child labour-examples/instances from the lesson Lost Spring. 12. Answer with supporting evidences-preference to the answer of hallucination.	1 1 3